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SUBJECT: GUERRILLA SEEKS REFUGE IN MEXICAN EMBASSY

1. ACCORDING TO THE APRIL 17 AFTERNOON PRESS, CLAUDIO CAAMANO GRULLON, NEPHEW OF FRANCISCO CAAMANO AND LAST BUT ONE (URBAN GUERRILLA CARLOS TORIBIO PENA JAQUEZ REMAINS IN CIRCULATION, PRESUMABLY IN SANTO DOMINGO) OF THE GUERRILLA BAND WHICH INVADED THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON FEBRUARY 2, TOOK REFUGE IN THE MEXICAN EMBASSY AT 10:00 AM APRIL 17.

2. PRESS ACCOUNTS CONFIRMED AN EARLIER CONVERSATION THE SAME DAY BETWEEN AN EMBOFF AND SACHA VOLMAN IN WHICH VOLMAN CLAIMED THAT CAAMANO HAD ARRIVED IN SANTO DOMINGO ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 16 AND IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED A NEWSPAPER REPORTER FRIEND WHO PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH CO- ADJUTOR ARCH-BISHOP HUGO POLANCO BRITO WHO IN TURN ARRANGED FOR CAAMANO TO ENTER THE MEXICAN EMBASSY. ALTHOUGH VAGUE ABOUT DETAILS, VOLMAN IMPLIED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO CAAMANO AND THAT THE LATTER HAD EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT EXILE ONLY TO CUBA, " THE ONE COUNTRY WHERE THE GOVERMENT (GODR) CAN' T KILL ME." VOLMAN, WHO IS A LONG- TIME SUPPORTER OF THE PRD, ADDED WITH OBVIOUS SATISFACTION THAT CAAMANO HAD DISCLAIMED ANY PRD COMPLICITY IN THE INVASION.

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